

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to incorporate by reference the priority document, German Patent Application No. 102 20 853.0, filed on May 8, 2002, and the International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/04587, filed on May 2, 2003.

Claims 1-28 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 29-41 are added.

Support for Claims 29-31 is found in now canceled Claim 19.

Support for Claims 32-38 is found in now canceled Claims 20-27, respectively.

Support for Claims 39-41 is found in now canceled Claim 28.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 19-41 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

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